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A GENEALOGY

NOTE: FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION EACH PERSON IS IDENTIFIED WITH A LETTER ACCORDING TO THE SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY WALDO LINCOLN IN HIS "HISTORY OF THE LINCOLN FAMILY". STARTING WITH WILLIAM BICKLEY IN THE FIRST GENERATION, WHO IS GIVEN THE LETTER "A", HIS ELDEST CHILD ABRAHAM IS DESIGNATED "AA", HIS NEXT ELDEST "AB", ETC. THUS THE NUMBER OF LETTERS IN EACH DESIGNATION SHOWS THE NUMBER OF GENERATIONS FROM WILLIAM, AND THE LETTERS THEMSELVES SHOW FROM WHICH ANCESTORS EACH CHILD WAS DESCENDED. THUS "AAFA" REPRESENTS ABRAHAM BICKLEY 3RD, THE EEDEST CHILD OF THE SIXTH CHILD(SAMUEL) OF THE ELDEST CHILD (ABRAHAM SR.) OF THE FIRST GENERATION (WILLIAM SR.), WORKING BACKWARD FROM THE LAST LETTER TO THE FIRST.

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ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO TRACE THE ANCESTRY OF ANY PERSON NAMED BICKLEY AND ALIVE TODAY WILL FIND BOTH TOO MUCH INFORMATION AND NOT ENOUGH. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THOSE BICKLEYS WHO LIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA, MAINLY IN PHILADELPHIA. THERE ARE NOW IN THE UNITED STATES TWO MAIN BRANCHES BEARING THE NAME OF BICKLEY.

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THE FIRST BRANCH IS FROM THE BICKLEYS OF ENGLAND, ORIGINALLY AT BICKLEIGH, ON THE RIVER EX, IN COUNTY DEVON. FROM THERE FRANCIS BICKLEY, A DESCENDANT OF A YOUNGER BROTHER, ULTIMATELY SETTLED AT LOLWORTH,COUNTY CAMBRIDGE SOMETIME ABOUT OR AFTER 1550. DESCENDANTS OF THIS PART OF THE BICKLEY FAMILY OF ENGLAND ARE DESCRIBED AS BEING FROM THE "YOUNGER BRANCH", SOMETIMES CALLED THE "CADET BRANCH". IN AMERICA, PRACTICALLY ALL WHO TRACE THEIR ANCESTRY TO THE FIRST FRANCIS BICKLEY ARE DESCENDANTS OF HIS GREAT, GREAT GRANDSON, JOSEPH BICKLEY, WHO CAME TO VIRGINIA ABOUT 1700. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THIS BRANCH CAME TO AMERICA SOMETIME AFTER 1800. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN DESCENDANTS OF THE YOUNGER BRANCH HAVE SETTLED IN THE SOUTH AND MIDDLE WEST.

A SECOND BICKLEY FAMILY IS OF GERMAN OR DUTCH ORIGIN, AT LEAST AT THE TIME IT CAME TO AMERICA IN 1732, AND THE DESCENDANTS ARE CENTERED MAINLY AROUND PHILADELPHIA, PENNA. IT IS TO THIS BRANCH THAT THE WRITER BELONGS, AND IT IS HOPED AT A LATER TIME TO PREPARE A RECORD OF THE FAMILY IN AMERICA AND THE ORIGIN IN EUROPE. FAMILY TRADITION STATES THAT THIS BRANCH ALSO CAME FROM ENGLAND ORIGINALLY.

A THIRD BRANCH, NOW EXTINCT IN THE MALE LINE, WAS ALSO FOUND. THIS THIRD GROUP WAS OF ENGLISH AND/OR IRISH ORIGIN AND THE ORIGINAL IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR WAS WILLIAM BICKLEY SR. OF NEW YORK. THE WRITER SPENT MUCH TIME PURSUING INFORMATION ON WILLIAM SR., HIS SON, ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. OF PHILADELPHIA, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS, BEFORE LEARNING THAT THEY WERE NOT AT ALL CONNECTED WITH HIS FAMILY. NUMEROUS OTHER SEARCHERS HAVE BEEN MET WHO HAVE DONE THE SAME THING.

IT NOW SEEMS IN ORDER TO COLLECT THE INFORMATION ON THIS EXTINCT IN THE MALE LINE THIRD BRANCH OF THE BICKLEYS IN AMERICA AND ELIMINATE FURTHER CONFUSION AND WASTED TIME DURING FUTURE GENEALOGICAL SEARCHES. FROM A HISTORICAL STANDPOINT THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO WELL WORTH RECORDING BECAUSE ABRAHAM BICKLEY AND HIS FAMILY WERE VERY ACTIVE IN THE COLONIAL HISTORY OF PHILADELPHIA, AND IN THE COLLECTIONS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA ARE NUMEROUS ITEMS PERTAINING TO THEM. THIS GENEALOGY DOES NOT PURPORT TO BE COMPLETE, BUT PRESENTS THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE COURSE OF SEARCHES TO DATE.

NO ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE AT THIS TIME TO ESTABLISH DEFINITELY THE EXACT ENGLISH AND/OR IRISH ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM BICKLEY SR., THE ORIGINAL IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT HE PROBABLY CAME FROM THE "ELDER BRANCH" OF THE BICKLEYS OF BICKLEIGH, COUNTY DEVON, ENGLAND, AND PERHAPS LATER FROM COUNTY SUSSEX, ENGLAND. HOWEVER, THE LINE OF ENGLISH DESCENT SHOWN IN REF. "B" IS OPEN TO QUESTION AND SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS FINAL WITHOUT FURTHER VERIFICATION.

THE ONLY KNOWN BOOK PUBLISHED ABOUT WILLIAM AND ABRAHAM BICKLEY IS " A COLONIAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF MRS. ELIZABETH SMITH DEAVENPORT" BY MARION GERTRUDE DEAVENPORT(REF."B").A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT WENT INTO THE WRITING OF THIS BOOK AND IT PRESENTS MUCH USEFUL INFORMATION. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, IT PUTS IN PUBLISHED FORM THE SAME ERRONEOUS IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD BY SO MANY PEOPLE FOR SO MANY YEARS CONCERNING A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY AND THE BICKLEYS NOW IN PHILADELPHIA. BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS CIRCUMSTANTIAL HAPPENINGS, WHICH DO NOT CONCERN US HERE, THE ORIGIN OF THESE MISTAKEN IDEAS IS READILY UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT NONE THE LESS MISLEADING. IT IS SOLELY TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT FINALLY THAT A DETAILED LIST OF NOTES CONCERNING THIS BOOK HAS BEEN ADDED TO THIS GENEALOGY.(SEE APPENDIX-PP1,2)

THE FAMILY HOME OF LATER DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AND ABRAHAM BICKLEY WAS PEN RHYN AT ANDALUSIA, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. THE PUBLISHED ARTICLES ABOUT THIS HOME ARE INCONSISTENT IN MANY DETAILS, AND REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE ESTATE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ON PAGE 7.

IN NEW YORK, LIVING CONCURRENTLY WITH WILLIAM BICKLEY, WAS A MAN NAMED MAY BICKLEY. THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN WILLIAM AND MAY, AND THEY WERE POSSIBLY EITHER BROTHERS OR COUSINS. THE DATA FOUND CONCERNING MAY BICKLEY ARE FOUND ON PAGE 6. NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE EITHER TO PROVE OR DISPROVE THE POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN WILLIAM AND MAY BICKLEY.

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A. WILLIAM BICKLEY WAS BORN IN ENGLAND OR IRELAND, PROBABLY ABOUT 1635-1640. HE MARRIED SUSANN ALDWORTH IN COUNTY CORK, IRELAND IN 1662 (REF. "X"). THEY CAME TO AMERICA ABOUT 1681 OR 1682 (REFS. "A", P 279; "B", PP 7,8). HE SETTLED IN NEW YORK WHERE HE WAS PROMINENT IN QUAKER AFFAIRS, AND HIS ACTIVITIES THERE ARE DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH IN REF. "B", PP 8-17. HE DIED NOVEMBER 2, 1707 AND HIS WIFE SUSANNAH DIED MARCH 1, 1707 (REFS. "B", P 16; "E", VOL. 3, P 33).

OTHER REFERENCES: "C": VOL. 23, P 36, VOL. 40, VARIOUS, VOL. 21, PP 219, 294, 590; "D", PP 57, 60; "O", VOL. 4, PP 936, 1135.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND SUSANNA(H) BICKLEY WERE:

AA. ABRAHAM BICKLEY, OF PHILADELPHIA AND BURLINGTON, N.J., BORN 6.21. 1663, DIED BETWEEN OCTOBER 13, 1725 AND MARCH 28, 1726. HE MARRIED THREE TIMES. SEE FURTHER BELOW.

AB. WILLIAM BICKLEY JR., PROBABLY BORN ABOUT 1665 ON IRELAND (REFS. "A", P 279; "B", P 8). HE MARRIED MARY _____ (REF. "B", P 8). HE APPARENTLY DIED BEFORE 5.3. 1707, AS HE IS NOT MENTIONED IN HIS FATHER'S WILL. THE PRESUMPTION IS THAT HE LEFT NO OFFSPRING, AS OTHER DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM SR'S. ARE MENTIONED RATHER FULLY (REF. "B", PP 15,16). HIS WIFE MARY WAS PROBABLY ALIVE 5.3.1707, AS THE WILL OF WILLIAM BICKLEY SR. REFERS TO MORE THAN ONE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW (REF. "B", P 16).

AC. SARAH BICKLEY, PROBABLY BORN ABOUT 1665-1670 IN IRELAND. SHE MARRIED (1) IN 1704 _____ POTTER, AND HE DIED BEFORE 5.3.1707. SHE MARRIED (2) AFTER 5.3.1707 _____ GRAVES (REF. "B", PP 8,16). SHE HAD FOUR CHILDREN WHOSE NAMES HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND. SHE WAS ALIVE ON OCTOBER 13, 1725. (REFS. "B", P 27; "C", VOL. 23, P 36)

AD. ELIZABETH BICKLEY, PROBABLY BORN ABOUT 1665-1670 IN IRELAND. SHE MARRIED (1) THOMAS COOK OF SHREWSBURY, N.J., WHO DIED DECEMBER 12, 1698, AND BY HIM HAD:

ADA. WILLIAM COOK, ALIVE IN 1698 AND 1725, WHO WAS INDENTURED TO HIS GRANDFATHER, WILLIAM BICKLEY SR., ON JANUARY 26, 1705.

ADB. THOMAS COOK, WHO WAS ALIVE IN 1698 AND 1725.

ADC. MARY COOK, PROBABLY DEAD BEFORE 1725 AS SHE WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE WILL OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. AS WERE HIS OTHER KIN.

ADD. ELIZABETH COOK, UNDER AGE IN 1698, ALIVE IN 1725, AND MARRIED MATHEW BIRCHFIELD BEFORE OCTOBER 13, 1725.

SHE MARRIED (2) BEFORE JANUARY 26, 1705 NICHOLAS BROWN. SHE APPARENTLY DIED BEFORE OCTOBER 13, 1725, AS SHE IS NOT MENTIONED IN HER BROTHER ABRAHAM'S WILL, ALTHOUGH HER CHILDREN ARE. (REFS. "B", PP 8, 14, 15, 27; "C", VOL. 23, PP 36, 107)

AA. ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. WAS BORN IN THE CITY OF CORK IN IRELAND ON 6.21.1663. HE LIVED WITH HIS FATHER AND MOTHER IN THE TOWN OF MALLOW, COUNTY CORK, IRELAND UNTIL HE WAS 19(IN 1682). HE THEN WENT TO LIMERICK, IRELAND, WHERE HE LIVED WITH HIS UNCLE. HE AND HIS BROTHER ARRIVED IN AMERICA LATE IN 1692. HE LIVED FIRST IN BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AND WAS COLLECTOR FOR THAT TOWN IN 1695 (REF. "Y"). THE SAME YEAR IN WHICH HE MARRIED HIS FIRST WIFE, ELIZABETH GARDNER. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE QUAKER MONTHLY MEETING AT BURLINGTON UNTIL HE REMOVED TO PHILADELPHIA ABOUT 1700-1702. HE APPARENTLY BEGAN TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS A SHIPPING MERCHANT IN PHILADELPHIA DURING THE YEARS BEGINNING ABOUT 1695, AND AFTER HIS REMOVAL THERE HE ENTERED INTO THE PUBLIC LIFE OF THE CITY. HE WAS A COMMON COUNCILMAN IN 1712, AND AN ALDERMAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BEGINNING ABOUT 1715. HIS ACTIVITIES ARE DISCUSSED IN REF. "B", PP 23-29. (SEE ALSO REF. "J", VOL. 9, PP 734, 738; "Z"). IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNA. ON 1708, 1709, & 1717, 1721, 1724, 1725(REF. "AA")

ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. MARRIED (1) 7.11.1695 ELIZABETH GARDNER, DAUGHTER OF THOMAS AND ELIZABETH GARDNER OF WARMINSTER, ENGLAND AND BURLINGTON, N.J. (REFS. "B", P 17; "E", PP 197, 337; "F", P 207 (FROM RECORDS OF BURLINGTON FRIENDS MEETING 1678-1706)). SHE DIED 10.2.1699 AND WAS BURIED AT BURLINGTON (REFS. "B", P 24; "E", P 166)

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. AND ELIZABETH GARDNER BICKLEY WERE:

AAA. ELIZABETH BICKLEY, BORN 1.8. 1696(REF. "B", P 24; "E", P 166), MARRIED IN 1721 THOMAS POLEGREEN OF PHILADELPHIA, WHO WAS BURIED JULY 31, 1730(REF. "B", PP 24, 38). SHE DIED IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1768, AND HER WILL WAS DATED FEBRUARY 22, ~~1768~~ 1764 AND PROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 1768(REFS. "B", PP 24, 47; "C", VOL. 33, PP 332,333). THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

AAAA. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ KATHARINE POLEGREEN, BAPTISED CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, ON MARCH 14, 1722. SHE MARRIED AT BARBADOS, WEST INDIES, AT AGE 14, JOHN MILLER, AGE 22 AND A WIDOWER-ONE SON BY HIS PREVIOUS MARRIAGE. THEY REPUTEDLY HAD TWENTY CHILDREN. SHE WAS ALIVE IN 1764 WHEN SH E WAS MENTIONED IN HER MOTHER'S WILL(REFS. "B", PP 38-43, 45, 47-50; "C", VOL. 33, PP 332,333)

AAAB. JAMES POLEGREEN, BAPTISED MARCH 27, 1724 AT CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA. HE JOINED THE COLONIAL FORCES AT AGE 23 AND WAS COMMISSIONED A CAPTAIN OF HIS COMPANY DURING THE COLONIAL WAR OF 1747. HE WAS ALIVE IN 1764 AND LIVING AT BARBADOS AT THAT TIME(REFS. "B", PP 38,39,47,48; "C", VOL.33, PP 332,333)

AAAC. SUSANNAH POLEGREEN, BAPTISED CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA ON AUGUST 9, 1727. SHE MARRIED ABRAHAM HEWLINGS OF PHILADELPHIA AND THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN. SHE DIED BEFORE 1764(REFS. "B", PP 38,48,76; "C", VOL. 33, PP 332, 333)

AAAD. THOMAS BICKLEY POLEGREEN, BORN APRIL, 1729 AND BAPTISED JULY 21, 1734 AT AGE 5 YEARS, 3 MONTHS. HE WAS ALIVE IN 1764(REFS. "B", PP 38,39,47,48; "C", VOL. 33, P 332)

AAAE. ELIZABETH POLEGREEN, BAPTISED AUGUST 1, 1732 AT CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, DIED AT AGE 1 YEAR ON AUGUST 4, 1732(REF. "B", P 38)

AAB. WILLIAM BICKLEY(2ND), BORN 5.9.1697(REF. "B", P 24; "E", P 166). HE MARRIED MARY WILLIS(OR WILLS) AT BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PER MARRIAGE LICENSE DATED JULY 18, 1734(REF. "C", VOL. 22, P 24; "F", P 20). HE DIED JANUARY 16, 1739 AT BURLINGTON(REFS. "B",P 24; "G", VOL. 53, P 40). HIS WILL WAS DATED JULY, 1738 AND PROVED JANUARY 16, 1739(REF. "C", VOL. 30, P 45). SHE DIED AT BURLINGTON IN 1748 AND ADMINISTRATION ON HER ESTATE WAS GRANTED AUGUST 19, 1748(REF. "C", VOL. 30, P 44).
NO CHILDREN ARE MENTIONED AND NO BIRTH RECORDS HAVE YET BEEN LOCATED, SO IT IS ASSUMED THAT THERE WERE NO DESCENDANTS FROM THIS MARRIAGE.
CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, RECORDS SHOW THAT WILLIAM BICKLEY, THE SON OF ABRAHAM, WAS BURIED THERE OCTOBER 22, 1757(REF. "G", VOL. 1, P 460). HE APPARENTLY WAS REINTERRED FROM HIS ORIGINAL PLACE OF BURIAL, WHICH WAS PROBABLY AT BURLINGTON.

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AAC. THOMAS BICKLEY, BORN 9.2. 1698 AT BURLINGTON, DIED 1ST MONTH, 1699, BURIED BURLINGTON(REF. "B", P 24; "E", P 166)

ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. MARRIED (2) ABOUT 1701 AT PHILADELPHIA MONTHLY MEETING, ELIZABETH RICHARDSON, DAUGHTER OF SAMUEL RICHARDSON. SHE WAS BURIED 3.6.1714 (REFS. "B", PP 24,25; "E", PP 197, 337; "G", VOL. 19, P 89). MINUTES OF ABINGTON MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 1.31.1701 SHOW THE MARRIAGE ACCOMPLISHED, APPARENTLY SHORTLY BEFORE THAT DATE.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. AND ELIZABETH RICHARDSON BICKLEY WERE:

AAD. SUSANNAH BICKLEY, BORN 3.11, 1702 AND DIED 7.15.1702(REF. "E", P 337)

AAE. HANNAH BICKLEY, BORN 4.2. 1703. SHE MARRIED JOHN FORDHAM, WHO WAS NOT A QUAKER, PER MARRIAGE LICENSE DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 1730 (REFS. "C", VOL. 22, P47, VOL. 23, P36; "E", PP337,464; "H", VOL. 8, PP83,91)

AAF. SAMUEL BICKLEY, BORN 9.9.1704. SEE FURTHER BELOW

AAG. SUSANNAH BICKLEY(2ND), BORN 1.19.1705/6. SHE MARRIED (1) 5.25.1728 KNIGHT HODGE, SON OF HENRY(REF. "C", VOL. 23, P36; "E", PP197, 337, 464) SHE MARRIED (2) _____ WILLIAMS(REF. PHILA. DEED BOOK G 12, P345, AUG. 6, 1750). SHE PROBABLY MARRIED A THIRD TIME TO EDWARD DRINKER.

AAH. ABRAHAM BICKLEY JR., BORN 2.24.1707 AND DIED 6.23.1743(REF. "E", P337) HE DIED AT BURLINGTON, N.J. AND ADMINISTRATION ON HIS ESTATE WAS GRANTED APRIL 17, 1744 IN PHILADELPHIA AND JULY 10,1744 IN NEW JERSEY. THE DATE IS INCORRECTLY SHOWN AS APRIL 17, 1743 IN PHILADELPHIA ADMINISTRATION BOOK "E", PAGE 29. THAT THE CORRECT DATE IS 1744 IS PROVED BY THE LISTING OF THE ITEM IN 1744 ADMINISTRATIONS, AND ALSO BY NOTING THAT THE NEXT PRECEDING ADMINISTRATION IS DATED 3 APRIL, 1744 AND THE NEXT FOLLOWING IS DATED 19 APRIL 1744(REFS. "C", VOL. 30, P44; PHILA. ADMIN. BOOK "E", PAGE 29- 1744 ADMIN. # 11)
HE IS LISTED IN HIS WILL AS A BRICKLAYER OF BURLINGTON. ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT HE WAS UNMARRIED. HE SETTLED AT BLUE ANCHOR, WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, N.J. ABOUT 1737 AND THERE ESTABLISHED ON THE BLUE ANCHOR TRACT A TAVERN ON THE INDIAN TRAIL MIDWAY BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE DELAWARE RIVER(REFS. "I", PP362,363; "Y", VOL. 1, P361). BOTH REFERENCES ERRONEOUSLY DESCRIBE THIS ABRAHAM AS THE ONE WHO WAS A DISTILLER OF PHILADELPHIA, MARRIED ELIZABETH GARDNER, AND DIED ABOUT 1747. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE DATES GIVEN ABOVE, IT MUST BE ABRAHAM JUNIOR WHO SETTLED IN WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, AND NOT ABRAHAM SENIOR WHO MARRIED ELIZABETH GARDNER. THIS IS FURTHER VERIFIED BY AN ABRAHAM BICKLEY WITNESSING A WILL AT NEWTON, GLOUCESTER COUNTY ON AUGUST 11, 1736(REF. "C", VOL. 30,P329). HE ALSO WITNESSED THE WILL OF SAMUEL COLE JR. AT NEW ORCHARD, WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 25, 1728(REF. "C", VOL. 23, P 102), BOTH DATES BEING AFTER THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM SENIOR WHO MARRIED ELIZABETH GARDNER.

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AAI. MARY BICKLEY, BORN 1.21. 1708/9 AND DIED 4.8.1709(REF. "E",P337)

AAJ. MARY BICKLEY(2ND), BORN 8.5.1710. SHE MARRIED JANUARY 8, 1730 JOHN TONGUE AT CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA(REF. "E", P337,464; "J", VOL. 8, P20). THEY HAD AT LEAST ONE SON, ABRAHAM BICKLEY TONGUE, WHO WAS BAPTISED ON AUGUST 31, 1735 AT AGE 2 YEARS AT CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA(REF. "G", VOL. 17, P359) AND BURIED THERE SEPTEMBER 22, 1735(REF. "G", VOL. 7, P223). SEE ALSO REF. "H", VOL. 8, P91.

AAK. ISAAC BICKLEY, BORN 6.6.1712 AND DIED 2.3.1719(REF. "E",P337)

AAL. BENJAMIN BICKLEY, BORN 3.9.1714 AND BURIED 3.9.1714(REF."E",P337)

ABRAHAM BICKLEY SENIOR MARRIED (3) IN 1719, PROBABLY ABOUT 4TH OR 5TH MONTH, AT EVESHAM, N.J. MONTHLY MEETING, DOROTHY SMITH(REFS. "D", P28-WHICH REFERS INCORRECTLY TO ABRAHAM AS ADAM; "E", P 166; "C", VOL. 23, P36; "L"; "G", VOL. 7, P 390). SHE WAS PROBABLY BORN IN 1680 AND DIED JANUARY 13, 1757 AT AGE 77 YEARS (REFS. "L"; "H", VOL. 3, P 322). SHE MARRIED (2) ON 5.3. 1727 (REF. "E", P 166) EBENEZER LARGE WHO WAS BORN IN 1684 AND DIED IN 1760 REF. "H", VOL. 3, P 122). SHE WAS A USEFUL ELDER OF BURLINGTON MONTHLY MEETING.
THERE WERE NO CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. AND DOROTHY SMITH. HE DIED AT BURLINGTON, N.J. BETWEEN OCTOBER 13, 1725 AND MARCH 28, 1726 (REFS. "G", VOL. 58, P40; "C", VOL. 23, P36; PHILA. WILLS 1726- #360). THE COPIES OF HIS WILL LIST A CHILD "MAY", BUT THIS MUST BE HIS DAUGHTER MARY, AS SHE IS ALIVE AT THE TIME, AND IS THE ONLY CHILD OTHERWISE UNACCOUNTED FOR.

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AAF. SAMUEL BICKLEY, SON OF ABRAHAM SR. AND ELIZABETH RICHARDSON BICKLEY, WAS BORN IN PHILADELPHIA 9.9.1704(REF. "E", P337). HE DIED, VERY PROBABLY AT NEW CASTLE, PENNA.(NOW DELAWARE), BETWEEN MAY 15 AND JUNE 17, 1749(REFS. "C", VOL. 30, P44; "W"; PHILA. WILLS 1749-# 88).
HE MARRIED PROBABLY 1725-1729(REF. "E", P 197) MARGARET (PERHAPS CLAYTON)(REF. "A", P280). SHE DIED AT NEW CASTLE, PENNA.(NOW DELAWARE) ON APRIL 11, 1750 (REFS. "C", VOL. 30, P44). SHE WAS APPARENTLY REINTERRED AND BURIED AT CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA ON FEBRUARY 19, 1759(REF. "G", VOL. 1, P 460), ABOUT THE SAME TIME WILLIAM BICKLEY(2ND), HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, WAS ALSO REINTERRED.
SAMUEL BICKLEY WAS SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, PENNA.(NOW DELAWARE) FROM OCTOBER 4, 1742 UNTIL PROBABLY OCTOBER, 1746(REF. "V", PP 602, 748)

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND MARGARET BICKLEY WERE:

AAFA. ABRAHAM BICKLEY(3RD), SEE FURTHER BELOW.
AAFB. WILLIAM BICKLEY, WHO WAS UNDER 21 IN 1749(PER SAMUEL'S WILL) AND APPARENTLY DIED ABOUT 1782(REF. "P", VOL. 16, PP 306, 770). NO RECORD OF ANY MARRIAGE OR CHILDREN HAS BEEN LOCATED.
AAFC. MARY BICKLEY, UNDER 21 IN 1749(PER SAMUEL'S WILL). SHE MARRIED JOHN JARMAN(JERMAIN ?) IN JUNE, 1768 PER LICENSE DATED JUNE 8,1768 (REF. "J", VOL. 2, P32). SHE WAS ALIVE IN 1773 AT WHICH TIME SHE WITNESSED THE WILL OF SARAH HUNLOKE(ABSTRACTS OF WILLS 1763-1784, GEN SOC. OF PENNA. COLL., P 1855)

A SON PETER IS SHOWN IN SAMUEL'S WILL AS ABSTRACTED IN REF. "C", VOL. 30, P44, BUT THIS IS IN ERROR SINCE NEITHER THE PHILADELPHIA OR DELAWARE COPIES OF THE WILL MENTION HIM. THE SOURCE OF THE ERROR NO DOUBT LIES IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE IN THE WILL " ITEM I LEAVE TO MY SAID SON WILLIAM TWO SILVER PORRIGERS AND TWO SILVER SPOONS AND MY NEGRO PETER TO BE TO HIM HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS FOREVER."

OTHER REFERENCE: "C"; VOL. 33, P56; VOL 30, PP 54, 91, 198, 304, 533(WHICH SHOW SAMUEL IN BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY IN 1731)

AAFA. ABRAHAM BICKLEY (3RD) WAS PROBABLY BORN ABOUT 1730, AND WAS UNDER 21 IN 1749, EVEN THOUGH LISTED AS AN EXECUTOR OF HIS FATHER'S WILL(REF. PHILA. ORPHAN'S COURT, DOCKET 3, P88). HE DIED ABOUT 1779 TO 1781, AND IN 1782 ADMINISTRATION ON HIS ESTATE WAS GRANTED HIS WIDOW MARY AND TWO OF HER MALE RELATIVES(REFS. PHILA. ADMIN. BOOK "I", P36- 1782 ADM. # 49; "P", VOL. 14, PP 207,285,521,798,, VOL. 15, PP 308, 318, 583, 595, 649,, VOL. 16, PP 400, 409, 447).
HE MARRIED AT CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1758(REF. "J", VOL.2, P20;"A", P 284) MARY SHEWELL, WHO PROBABLY DIED ABOUT 1794, FOR ON JULY 20, 1794 HER ADMINISTRATION OF HER HUSBAND'S ESTATE WAS TERMINATED AND TRANSFERRED TO THEIR SON ROBERT S. BICKLEY(REF. PHILA. ADM. BOOK "H", P 179- 1794 ADM. # 159). HER WILL WAS DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1791 AND WAS PROVED MARCH 4, 1813(REF. PHILA. WILL BOOK 4, P260-1813 WILL # 19). ALL SEVEN CHILDREN WERE ALIVE IN 1791 WHEN HER WILL WAS WRITTEN.

OTHER REFERENCES(ABRAHAM BICKLEY 3RD): "P", VOL. 13, P56,, VOL. 16, PP399,400, 410,829,830(PERHAPS THESE APPLY TO ABRAHAM BICKLEY 4TH); PHILADELPHIA CITY DIRECTORIES FOR 1791, 1800, 1797, 1804, 1809, 1810, 1811,1813, 1814; ABSTRACTS OF WILLS 1763-1784,GEN. SOC. OF PENNA. COLL., P 1855(POSSIBLY REFERS TO ABRAHAM BICKLEY 4TH); ABSTRACTS OF WILLS 1747-1763, GEN. SOC. OF PENNA. COLL., P 1129.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY 3RD AND MARY SHEWELL BICKLEY WERE:

AAFAA. MARGARET BICKLEY, PROBABLY BORN ABOUT 1759(REF. "M",P238) AND ALIVE IN 1791. SHE APPARENTLY DIED SOON AFTER THAT TIME.
AAFAB. ELIZABETH BICKLEY, BORN 1760(REFS. "B", P33;"M", P238,"Q", P301) SHE WAS BURIED IN THE FAMILY VAULT AT PEN RHYN, ANDALUSIA, PA. ON JANUARY 21, 1854(REF. "K") IN HER 94TH YEAR OF AGE. SEE ALSO REF. "G", VOL. 10, PP 101, 102

AAFAC. ABRAHAM BICKLEY (4TH), PROBABLY BORN 1760-1765(REF."M",P238). HE DIED JULY 15, 1834 AT HIS RESIDENCE IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (REF. "R") AND WAS REPORTED BURIED AT MT. MORIAH CEMETERY IN PHILADELPHIA(REFS. "Q",P298; APPENDIX), THE ONLY ONE OF THE FAMILY NOT BURIED IN THE FAMILY VAULT AT ANDALUSIA. IT IS VERY PROBABLE THAT THIS WAS BECAUSE ABRAHAM (4TH) DID NOT SHARE THE FAMILY'S TORY SYMPATHIES DURING THE REVOLUTION AND UNDOUBTEDLY HE IS THE ABRAHAM BICKLEY REPORTED AS BEING SO HELPFUL TO THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE. IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT ABRAHAM (3RD) WOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE REVOLUTIONARY SIDE AND ALL OF HIS CHILDREN REMAINED STRONG TORIES-FAR MORE LIKELY THAT A YOUNG SON WOULD BE CONVERTED TO THE REVOLUTIONARY IDEA-;HENCE ONLY ABRAHAM (4TH) COULD FIT THE DESCRIPTION(REF. "B", P31).
THIS SAME ABRAHAM BICKLEY IS REFERRED TO AS A PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN IN REFS. "S" AND "U", BUT THIS ERROR IS NOT TOO SURPRISING IN VIEW OF THE MANY BICKLEYS OF GERMAN OR DUTCH DESCENT LIVING AROUND PHILADELPHIA AT THE TIME.
THAT ABRAHAM BICKLEY (4TH) WAS ESTRANGED FROM HIS FAMILY AND NEVER RETURNED TO THE FAMILY HOME AT ANDALUSIA, BUCKS COUNTY, MOST PROBABLY BECAUSE OF HIS REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES, IS STRONGLY INDICATED BY HIS TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1793 (REF. PHILA. CITY DIRECTORY, 1793, ET SEQ) AND APPARENTLY LIVING THERE MOST OF THE REMAINING YEARS OF HIS LIFE. HIS DEATH NOTICE READS THAT HE DIED IN 1834 "AT HIS RESIDENCE IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY-LATE OF CITY OF PHILADELPHIA"(REF. "R")

OTHER REFERENCES: "P", VOL. 13, P56,,VOL. 16,PP399,400,410, 829, 830(THESE MAY APPLY TO ABRAHAM 3RD);ALSO "P", VOL. 26,PP49, 227, 233; ABSTRACTS OF WILLS 1763-1784,GEN SOC. OF PENNA. COLL., P 1855(PROBABLY REFERS TO ABRAHAM 3RD)

AAFAD. ROBERT SHEWELL BICKLEY, PROBABLY BORN ABOUT 1765(REF. "M",P238) AND DIED OCTOBER 20, 1842. HE WAS BURIED IN THE FAMILY VAULT AT ANDALUSIA ON OCTOBER 23, 1842(REF. "K"). HIS WILL WAS DATED MARCH 4, 1842 AND PROVED THE SAME YEAR(REF. PHILA. WILL BOOK 16, P83-1842 WILL #270).
HE WAS IN MILITARY SERVICE ~~ON THE REVOLUTIONARY SIDE~~ FROM 1787 TO ABOUT 1794(REF. PENNA. ARCHIVES, 6TH SERIES, VOL. 3,PP1080, 1082,, VOL. 5, ~~XXXX~~ PP 512,546)
HE IS RUMORED TO HAVE MADE AN UNFORTUNATE MARRIAGE(REF. "A",P280) BUT NO RECORD OF THIS HAS BEEN FOUND AND OTHER SOURCES SAY ALL CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY(3RD) DIED UNMARRIED(REFS. "B",P30;"AA"; "Q",P298).
PERHAPS SUCH A MARRIAGE, ~~OR,MORE LIKELY, HIS REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES~~ ACCOUNTS FOR HIS LEAVING HOME AND TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN PHILADELPHIA ABOUT 1793(REF. PHILA. CITY DIRECTORY FOR 1793, ET SEQ) AND APPARENTLY LIVING THERE THE REST OF HIS LIFE(REF. PHILA. CITY DIRECTORIES, VARIOUS, AND THE FACT THAT HIS WILL WAS PROVED IN PHILADELPHIA RATHER THAN IN BUCKS COUNTY WHERE
AK ANDALUSIA IS LOCATED)

AAFAE. HANNAH BICKLEY, PROBABLY BORN ABOUT 1767-1770(REF. "M",P238) AND BURIED AT PEN RHYN, ANDALUSIA, IN THE FAMILY VAULT ON APRIL 6, 1853(REF."K"; BUCKS COUNTY WILL #9688-1854).SHE WAS NO DOUBT THE HANNAH BICKLEY WHO WAS A GUEST AT THE MESCHIANZA PAGEANT IN HONOR OF LORD HOWE IN 1778, BEFORE HE EVACUATED PHILADELPHIA.

AAFAF. LYDIA BICKLEY, PROBABLY BORN ABOUT 1770(REF."M",P238)AND DIED SOMETIME BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2, 1842(REF. WILL OF ROBERT S. BICKLEY-PHILA. WILL 1842-#270) AND MARCH 25, 1845(REF. WILL OF ISAAC BICKLEY-BUCKS COUNTY WILL BOOK 13,P591: 1853-#9355)

AAFAG. ISAAC BICKLEY, BORN ABOUT 1775(REF."M",P238)AND BURIED JUNE 26, 1853 IN THE FAMILY VAULT AT PEN RHYN, ANDALUSIA(REF."K").HIS WILL WAS DATED MARCH 25, 1845 AND PROVED JULY 7,1853(REF. BUCKS COUNTY WILL BOOK 13,P591:1853 WILL#9355).

(ISAAC BICKLEY,CONT.): AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS BROTHER ROBERT IN 1842, ISAAC, AS THE LAST SURVIVING MALE HEIR OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY, WISHED TO HAVE THE BICKLEY NAME PERPETUATED. ACCORDINGLY HE(AND NOT HIS BROTHER ABRAHAM AS STATED IN REF. "A", PP286,287) PERSUADED HIS FRIEND AND DISTANT RELATIVE LLOYD WHARTON TO ASSUME THE SURNAME BICKLEY, AND IN 1843 THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE PASSED A LAW EFFECTING THIS CHANGE OF NAME(REFS. "G", VOL. 51, P382; "T", P35)

COLLATERAL LINES

LLOYD WHARTON (BICKLEY) WAS BORN FEBRUARY 25, 1801 AND DIED SEPTEMBER 27, 1855. HIS WILL IS IN PHILADELPHIA AS # 338 FOR 1855. HE MARRIED DECEMBER 28, 1830 MARGARET ANN HOWELL, WHO WAS BORN FEBRUARY 26, 1803 AND DIED SEPTEMBER 2, 1856 (REF. "T", P35). THEIR CHILDREN AS LISTED IN ISAAC BICKLEY'S WILL WERE: LLOYD WHARTON BICKLEY JR., ROBERT WHARTON BICKLEY WHO WAS UNDER 21 IN 1845(SEE ALSO REF. "Q"), ABRAHAM BICKLEY, AND HOWELL BICKLEY(REF. BUCKS COUNTY WILL 1853-#9355)

MAY BICKLEY WAS EITHER A COUSIN OR UNCLE (MORE LIKELY THE LATTER) OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. ACCORDING TO SUCH EVIDENCE AS HAS BEEN FOUND, ALTHOUGH THIS EVIDENCE IS BY NO MEANS COMPLETE. HE MARRIED ELIZABETH CLARKE(REF. "B", P30). HIS DEATH WAS LISTED IN AMERICAN MERCURY WEEKLY DATED APRIL 9, 1724(REF. "G", VOL. 58, P40) AND HIS WILL WAS DATED IN 1716(REF. "B", P30). HE DIED AT NEW YORK APRIL 2, 1724. HE WAS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE PROVINCE OF NEW YORK FROM MARCH 3, 1706 UNTIL ABOUT 1712(REFS. "B", P30; "C", VOL. 4,PP97,1186, VOL. 5, PP341,359)

OTHER REFERENCES (MAY BICKLEY): "H", VOL. 6, P188, VOL. 7, P65; "C", VOL. 23, PP53, 483, VOL. 4, PP88,96, VOL. 11, P504, VOL. 13,PP324, 432, 554; NEW YORK GEN. AND BIOG. RECORD, VOL. 3, PP143,147;

PEN RHYN-ANDALUSIA, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

THERE ARE MANY CONFLICTS IN THE RECORDS REGARDING PEN RHYN, THE OLD BICKLEY FAMILY HOME AT ANDALUSIA. EVEN ROBERT WHARTON BICKLEY IN HIS ARTICLE IN "THE BRISTOL PIKE"(REF."Q",PP298,301,302) STATES THAT ABRAHAM BICKLEY, THE ELDER, BOUGHT THE TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS "BEELE VOIR", LATER CHANGED TO PEN RHYN. HE ALSO STATES THAT THIS SO-CALLED ABRAHAM BICKLEY, THE ELDER, CAME TO AMERICA FROM SUSSEX COUNTY, ENGLAND IN 1744, MARRIED MARY SHEWELL, REMODELED THE HOUSE IN 1793, AND LEFT SIX CHILDREN.

IN REF."A",P280, IT IS STATED THAT ABRAHAM BICKLEY(3RD), SON OF SAMUEL, ENLARGED THE HOUSE IN 1793.

TO CORRECT THE RECORD THE FOLLOWING FACTS SHOULD BE NOTED:

(1) ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. ARRIVED IN AMERICA, POSSIBLY DIRECTLY FROM SUSSEX COUNTY, ENGLAND, IN 1692(AND OF COURSE HIS FATHER WILLIAM WAS HERE ABOUT 10 YEARS BEFORE THAT TIME) AND PROBABLY THE SITE OF PEN RHYN WAS PART OF THE LARGE LANDS HE BOUGHT BEFORE HIS DEATH IN 1726.

(2) IT WAS ABRAHAM BICKLEY'S GRANDSON ABRAHAM BICKLEY(3RD) WHO MARRIED MARY SHEWELL IN 1758

(3) IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR, JR. OR 3RD WHO REMODELED PEN RHYN IN 1793, AS ALL WERE DEAD WELL BEFORE THAT TIME. POSSIBLY ABRAHAM 4TH, OR MORE PROBABLY ISAAC BICKLEY, ENLARGED THE PROPERTY IN 1793.

REF. "A", P280 STATES THAT PEN RHYN WAS BUILT BY SAMUEL BICKLEY IN 1744. THIS IS PROBABLY INCORRECT AS SAMUEL BICKLEY'S WILL MADE AT NEW CASTLE, PENNA. (NOW DEL.) AND DATED 1749 LISTS HIM AS BEING OF PHILADELPHIA AT THAT TIME(REFS. "C", VOL. 30, P44;"W"; PHILA. WILL 1749-#88). ALSO SINCE SAMUEL BICKLEY WAS SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, PENNA.(NOW DEL.) FROM OCTOBER, 1742 UNTIL AT LEAST OCTOBER, 1744, AND PROBABLY FOR HIS FULL SECOND TERM UNTIL OCTOBER, 1746, IT IS VERY DUBIOUS THAT HE WAS AT THAT TIME ENGAGED IN BUILDING PEN RHYN MANY MILES AWAY(REF. "V", PP602,748)

THE PROPERTY IS PICTURED AND DESCRIBED IN THE "EVERYBODY'S WEEKLY" SECTION OF THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER FOR SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1949. THIS ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT SAMUEL BICKLEY BUILT PEN RHYN IN 1744 AND THAT ABRAHAM3RD ENLARGED IT IN 1793. THE ARTICLE APPEARS TO BE BASED IN WHOLE OR IN MAJOR PART ON THE REFERENCES DISCUSSED ABOVE.*(SEE PHOTOSTAT IN APPENDIX)*

PEN RHYN WAS PROBABLY BUILT BY ABRAHAM BICKLEY 3RD ABOUT 1754-1758 FOR HIS INTENDED BRIDE MARY SHEWELL. ABRAHAM 3RD SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN BUSILY ENGAGED IN ORGANIZING THE FAMILY AFFAIRS AT THAT TIME AND NO DOUBT IT WAS HE WHO HAD THE BODIES OF HIS MOTHER, MARGARET BICKLEY, AND HIS UNCLE, WILLIAM BICKLEY(2ND), REINTERRED AT CHRIST CHUCH, PHILADELPHIA IN 1759 AND 1757.

BOTH REFERENCES "A" AND "Q" STATE THAT ABRAHAM BICKLEY 3RD LEFT SIX CHILDREN BUT HIS WIDOW MARY'S WILL, DATED 1791 ABOUT 10 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH, LISTS 7 CHILDREN. THE OMISSION IS PROBABLY MARGARET BICKLEY WHO APPARENTLY DIED SOON AFTER 1791, WHILE THE REMAINING SIX CHILDREN LIVED FOR ANOTHER 40 TO 60 YEARS AFTER THAT.

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PAGE 2 THE ARMS AND CREST DESCRIBED ARE FOR THE "YOUNGER" BRANCH(ALSO KNOWN AS "CADET" BRANCH) (REF. THE EXTINCT AND DORMANT BARONETCIES OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND IRELAND BY JOHN BURKE AND JOHN BERNARD BURKE, PP61,62). THOSE OF THE "ELDER" BRANCH, WHILE SIMILAR, ARE DISTINCTIVE(REFS: THE VISITATIONS OF SUSSEX, 1530 AND 1633-1634, IN HARLEIAN SOC. PUBL., VOL. 53, P 137; BERRY'S SUSSEX GENEALOGIES, P77; BURKE'S GENERAL ARMORY)

PAGE 3 THE BOOK OWNED BY DR. LLOYD DE WITT BICKLEY OF PHILADELPHIA WAS OBTAINED BY HIS ANSWERING A BLIND ADVERTISEMENT OFFERING FOR $1.00 AN ARTICLE CONCERNING THE BICKLEY FAMILY. THE MATERIAL WAS OF INTEREST, BUT HAS NEVER HAD ANY APPLICATION TO THE FAMILY OF DR. LLOYD BICKLEY(REF. DR. L.D.B. TO E.F.BICKLEY JR. APRIL 16, 1951 AND MAY 28, 1951)

PAGE 7 HENRY BICKLEY, AND NOT THOMAS, MARRIED MARGARET _____, WHO DIED IN 1707(REFS: BERRY'S SUSSEX GENEALOGIES, P77; VISITATION OF SUSSEX, 1662, IN HARLEIAN SOC. PUBL., VOL. 89, P 12;LETTER MARION GERTRUDE DEAVENPORT TO AUDREY BICKLEY WITMER, DATED JULY 17, 1945 (SEE APPENDIX)).
THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. WAS AT SOME TIME IN AND FROM SUSSEX COUNTY, ENGLAND, BUT JUST WHICH OF THE SEVERAL THOMAS BICKLEYS WAS HIS GRANDFATHER IS OPEN TO SERIOUS QUESTION.

PAGE 8 WHILE EBERLEIN IN REF. "A" OFFERS MUCH THAT IS OPEN TO DOUBT, THE ENTRIES QUOTING FROM THE FAMILY BIBLE OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY SR. OFFER REASONABLE CERTAINTY OF ACCURACY. ACCEPTING THIS AS THE MOST AUTHENTIC SOURCE SHOWS THAT WILLIAM BICKLEY SR. CAME TO AMERICA SOMETIME IN 1681 OR 1682.

PAGE 24 THE DATE OF 1.3.1700 SHOWN FOR THE SECOND MARRIAGE OF ABRAHAM BICKLEY TO ELIZABETH RICHARDSON WAS ACTUALLY THE DATE OF THE MEETING (1.3.1700/01) AT BURLINGTON AT WHICH HE WAS GRANTED A CERTIFICATE TO PHILADELPHIA MONTHLY MEETING TO MARRY THERE. THE CEREMONY WAS PROBABLY PERFORMED TWO TO FOUR MONTHS LATER(REF."E",P197)

PAGE 25 THE DATE OF SUSANNAH BICKLEY(1ST) DEATH SHOULD BE 7.15.1702 (REF. "E",P337)
THE DATE OF 6.27.1731 SHOWN FOR THE MARRIAGE OF HANNAH BICKLEY WAS ACTUALLY THE DATE OF THE MEETING AT WHICH SHE WAS DISOWNED FOR MARRYING OUT OF UNITY(REF"E",P464)
THE DATE OF 6.27.1731 SHOWN FOR MARRIAGE OF MARY BICKLEY(2ND) TO JOHN TONGUE WAS ACTUALLY DATE OF MEETING AT WHICH SHE WAS DISOWNED FOR MARRYING OUT OF UNITY (REF. "E", P464)
THE DATE OF 5.29.1714 SHOWN FOR DEATH OF BENJAMIN BICKLEY WAS ACTUALLY DATE OF BURIAL(REF. "E", P337)
THE DATE OF 3/6.1714 SHOWN FOR THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH RICHARDSON BICKLEY WAS ACTUALLY THE DATE OF BURIAL(REF. "E", P337)

PAGE 32 IT IS IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE RECORD IN DEFINITE FASHION REGARDING THE STATEMENTS INVOLVING DR. LLOYD DE WITT BICKLEY AND HIS BRANCH OF THE BICKLEY FAMILY. DR. BICKLEY WAS NAMED PAUL AT BIRTH BUT AFTER ABOUT TWO WEEKS HIS FAMILY DID NOT LIKE THE NAME AND IT WAS CHANGED TO LLOYD. THE AUNT INVOLVED WAS HIS <u>ONLY</u> MAIDEN AUNT: HANNAH M. BICKLEY(1845-1916) AND <u>NOT</u> HIS AUNT ELIZABETH WHO HAD MARRIED GEORGE BURNS OF HATBORO SOME YEARS BEFORE(REF. DR. L.D.B. TO E.F.B.JR 4/16/1951,5/28/1951)
THE ELIZABETH BICKLEY REFERRED TO IN THE ARTICLE MENTIONED BY MISS DEAVENPORT WAS BURIED JANUARY 21, 1854(REF. "K"). THIS ELIZABETH BICKLEY OF COURSE WAS DEAD LONG BEFORE DR. LLOYD DE WITT BICKLEY WAS BORN. THE LLOYD BICKLEY AT WHOSE HOME HER FUNERAL WAS HELD UNDOUBTEDLY WAS THE FIRST LLOYD WHARTON BICKLEY(1801-1855) WHO BEARS NO RELATIONSHIP WHATSOEVER TO DR. LLOYD DE WITT BICKLEY OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS BRANCH OF BICKLEYS.

PAGE 33 THE BOOK STATES"DR. (LLOYD DE WITT) BICKLEY MENTIONED A THIRD OR FOURTH GREAT UNCLE OF CONSIDERABLE MEANS WHO LIVED ON THE ANCESTRAL ESTATE AT ANDALUSIA, PENNA., ABOUT 25 MILES FROM PHILADELPHIA. HE RELATED THAT IT WAS ON THIS ESTATE THAT ONE OF THE EARLY BICKLEYS HAD BUILT HIS FAMILY VAULT WHICH TODAY WAS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST. DR. BICKLEY STATES THAT HE ALWAYS BELIEVED THIS TO BE TRUE BECAUSE OF THE STORY IN <u>HIS</u> FAMILY OF A RICH UNCLE WHO DISINHERITED DR. BICKLEY'S GRANDFATHER, GEORGE BICKLEY(1804-1883) FOR BECOMING A METHODIST. DR. BICKLEY STATES FURTHER THAT HE HAS NEVER HAD ANY EVIDENCE AT ALL TO SUPPORT HIS BELIEF OF A CONNECTION WITH THE ANDALUSIA BICKLEYS, AND THAT HIS FATHER, REV. CHARLES W. BICKLEY, TO THE BEST OF RECOLLECTION NEVER ONCE EVEN MENTIONED THE ANDALUSIA BICKLEYS, LET ALONE STATED THAT THEY WERE RELATIVES(REF. DR. L.D.B. TO E.F.B.JR. 4/16/1951, 5/28/1951).
RECENT STUDY HAS DISCLOSED THAT THE GEORGE BICKLEY REFERRED TO ABOVE DID INDEED HAVE RICH UNCLES, DANIEL AND DAVID BICKLEY, BUT THAT THEY WERE LUTHERANS, NOT QUAKERS OR EPISCOPALIANS AS WERE THE ANDALUSIA BICKLEYS.

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PAGE 37 THE THIRD PARAGRAPH IS IN ERROR, AS THERE WAS NO GRANDSON OF THE ANDALUSIA BICKLEYS WHO WAS SO DISINHERITED AND WAS FROM THE SAME BRANCH AS DR. LLOYD DE WITT BICKLEY. SEE COMMENTS REGARDING PAGE 33.
THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH IS CORRECT IN STATING THAT DR. LLOYD DE WITT BICKLEY'S BRANCH OF THE BICKLEY FAMILY HAS PRODUCED SIX METHODIST MINISTERS(IF NOT MORE) AND TWO BISHOPS. HOWEVER, THE FATHER OF THE DENTIST, DR. LLOYD DE WITT BICKLEY, WAS THE REV. CHARLES W. BICKLEY(NOT GEORGE), AND HE DIED IN 1915, HENCE OF COURSE DOES NOT RESIDE IN PHILADELPHIA LIKE HIS SON, THE DENTIST.
ANOTHER SON OF REV. CHARLES W. BICKLEY WAS DR. GEORGE HENRY BICKLEY, WHO HAS BEEN DEAD FOR SOME YEARS(REF. DR. L.D.B. TO E.F.B.JR 4/16/1951, 5/28/1951).
THE LAST PARAGRAPH IS INCORRECT IN THAT THERE ARE NO BICKLEYS LIVING IN PHILADELPHIA TODAY WHO ARE DESCENDANTS OF "THIS COLONIAL(ANDALUSIA) BICKLEY) FAMILY". THE LAST MALE DESCENDANT OF THE ANDALUSIA BICKLEYS WAS ISAAC BICKLEY WHO WAS BURIED JUNE 26, 1853(REF. "K"). IT WAS BECAUSE THIS FAMILY HAD <u>NO MALE HEIRS</u> AFTER ISAAC THAT LLOYD WHARTON WAS INDUCED TO BECOME LLOYD WHARTON BICKLEY IN 1843(REFS. "G", VOL. 51,P382; "T", P35), AND WAS WILLED THE ESTATES WHEN ISAAC DIED(REF. BUCKS COUNTY WILL 1853-#9355).

CORRESPONDENCE - ORIGINALS TO BE FILED WITH COPY ON DEPOSIT AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

LETTERS FROM JOSEPHINE W.D. HENRY (MRS. SETON HENRY) OF NEW YORK TO AUDREY BICKLEY WITMER DATED MAY 10, 1945 AND JULY 18, 1945.

THESE LETTERS FURNISH NO NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE BICKLEYS, AND MRS. HENRY KNOWS LITTLE OF THE GENERATIONS BEFORE ABRAHAM BICKLEY 3RD, SON OF SAMUEL BICKLEY. SHE DOES MENTION THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BICKLEYS AND A CLARKE FAMILY, ORIGINALLY FROM ENGLAND. THIS RELATIONSHIP IS ALSO REFERRED TO IN REF. "G", VOL. 40, PP 191, 192, AND MAY BE OF INTEREST AT SOME FUTURE TIME.

LETTERS FROM MARION GERTRUDE DEAVENPORT TO AUDREY BICKLEY WITMER:

(1) DATED OCTOBER 27, 1944: CONTAINS NO NEW INFORMATION AND IS MAINLY CONCERNED WITH QUESTIONS ASKED BY MRS. WITMER REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HER FAMILY AND THE ANDALUSIA BICKLEYS. THIS RELATIONSHIP HAS, OF COURSE, NOW BEEN PROVED NON-EXISTENT. MENTIONS ONE CORRECTION IN HER BOOK, "UNFORTUNATELY I ERRED IN A STATEMENT ON PAGE 7-WHERE I STATED THAT THOMAS, THE GREAT GRANDSON OF HENRY, MARRIED MARGARET WHO DIED IN 1707.-NO, HE MARRIED ANNE- NO LAST NAME GIVEN. IT WAS HIS BROTHER HENRY, LIKEWISE GREAT-GRANDSON OF HENRY 1ST-WHO MARRIED MARGARET. THOSE FACTS ARE UNIMPORTANT AS FAR AS ANY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BICKLEY ARE CONCERNED, FOR NONE OF US ARE DESCENDED FROM THE FIRST HENRY AND HIS DESCENDANTS."

(2) DATED JANUARY 25, 1945: N O NEW INFORMATION, BUT STILL REFERS TO THE NON-EXISTENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO BICKLEY BRANCHES OF PHILADELPHIA.

(3) DATED JULY 17, 1945: GIVES A FINE DESCRIPTION OF THE BICKLEY CARRIAGE, WHICH GEORGE WASHINGTON IS REPORTED TO HAVE LIKED SO MUCH THAT HE ORDERED A REPLICA MADE. ALSO MENTIONS THE CORRECTION ON PAGE 7 OF THE BOOK REFERRED TO ABOVE- "UNFORTUNATELY ALTHOUGH I HAD IN MY POSSESSION THE CORRECT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MARRIAGE OF THOMAS BICKLEY TO ANNE _____? AND HENRY BICKLEY TO MARGARET WHO DIED IN 1707, FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, POSSIBLY MY TYPIST WAS AT FAULT, SIMPLY REVERSED THE WIVES NAMES."

(4) DATED JULY 24, 1945: NO NEW INFORMATION

(5) DATED AUGUST 24, 1945: REFERS TO FUNERAL OF ELIZABETH BICKLEY FROM HOME OF LLOYD (WHARTON) BICKLEY. ALSO TO SALE OF PEN RHYN BY MRS. SETON HENRY.

(6) DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1950: DISCUSSES IN DETAIL THE BUILDING OF PEN RHYN AND CONCLUDES THAT IT WAS BUILT BY ABRAHAM BICKLEY 3RD BETWEEN 1754 AND 1758. STATES THAT ELIZABETH SHEWELL AND BENJAMIN WEST WERE MARRIED IN 1766 AND NOT 1768 AS SHOWN IN THE BOOK. FURTHER ABOUT THE CARRIAGE AND GEORGE WASHINGTON

(7) DATED MAY 12, 1951: DISCUSSES POSSIBILITY OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ANDALUSIA BICKLEYS AND THE UNKNOWN ANCESTORS OF AUDREY BICKLEY WITMER, WHO ARE NOW PROVED TO BE OF GERMAN OR DUTCH EXTRACTION. HOWEVER, NO NEW INFORMATION IS INCLUDED, AND ALL CONJECTURES REGARDING A LINK BETWEEN THESE TWO FAMILY BRANCHES ARE FRUITLESS.

almanac and in 1743 he printed the Bible in German, forty years prior to its appearance here in English. He commenced his newspaper in 1739 and the printing business has been carried on by his descendants to the present day.

In the course of two centuries many distinguished personages have crossed Grumblethorpe's hospitable threshold. Some came frequently as familiar friends, some as occasional visitors. Amongst them may be mentioned Louis Philippe, the Abbé Joseph Correa dé Serra, Nuttall the great naturalist, Count Zinzendorf, Louis Agassiz, the gifted jovial artist Gilbert Stuart, Squire Baynton, "Ben" Shoemaker, the mathematical expert Isaiah Lukens, the great entomologist Thomas Say, John Quincy Adams and many more.

Charles J. Wister, the son of Daniel and grandson of John Wister, in his many travels had strange and humorous adventures in Pennsylvania and Virginia. He went daily to town on business until 1819, after which he led a retired life devoted to science. He was a botanist and mineralogist and lectured upon these subjects at the Germantown Academy, whose Board of Trustees he served as Secretary for thirty years. He built the observatory that stood until recently in the garden, and was a familiar and respected figure in the old town. He it was who gave Grumblethorpe its name, in a spirit of jest; the name has always clung. He was devoted to his garden and not a little of the garden's charm is due to his labours in it.

Charles J. Wister died July 23, 1865, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and was succeeded by his son, Charles J. Wister, Jr., an artist and writer who faithfully treasured the trust of an honoured line. Through his writings have been preserved much that is interesting of old Germantown. His interest in the affairs of the town was active till his death in 1910; at that time he was President of the Site and Relic Society and President of the Board of Trustees of the Germantown Academy, on which Board he had served for forty two years. The ownership of Grumblethorpe was then shared by Mr. Wister's nephews, Owen Wister, the novelist, and Alexander W. Wister, neither of whom occupied the house.

For many years Grumblethorpe remained in charge of a care-taker and, for a time, was threatened with demolition. Great public interest, however, was aroused to secure the preservation of this historic house and it is now being put in repair to remain as a treasured landmark.

Memoir of Charles J. Wister: C. J. Wister, Jr.
Journal of Sally Wister
Annals of Philadelphia: J. F. Watson
History of Philadelphia: Ellis Paxon Oberholtzer
Diary of Samuel Rowland Fisher: Penna. Magazine
Note: Contributed by Mis Frances A. Wister

PEN RHYN

Bensalem Township, Bucks, Pennsylvania

BICKLEY—WHARTON-BICKLEY—DREXEL—HENRY

1744 - 1793

Bickley *Wharton* *Drexel* *Henry*

PEN RHYN, ORIGINALLY THE SEAT OF THE BICKLEY FAMILY, IS ON T Delaware River next above Andalusia, from which it is separated by onl lane. The first Bickley to settle in Philadelphia was Abraham, "the son William, the son of Thomas, the son of John Bickley of Penrin in the Cou of Cornwall in Great Britain." He further recorded of himself, in his gr family-bible, that he

"was born ye 21th: 6 mo. 1663 in the City of Cork—in Ireland" and that he l with his "ffath^r & moth^r in the pleasnt town of Mallow in s^d County [Cork]" unti was nineteen. "Then I went to Lymrick & lived wth my Unkle."

In 1692, with his brother, he sailed from London for New York; driven adverse winds to Barbadoes, it was not until much later in the same year t they reached their destination where, to their great joy, "we found that father had been there ten years before us."

Abraham Bickley soon established himself in Philadelphia, became prosperous shipping merchant, and entered actively into the public life of city. In 1712 he became a Common Councilman and, a few years later, elected an Alderman, an office he continued to fill for a long time afterwar In 1718, he imported the city's first fire-engine. A minute of Common Cou for December 8, 1718, reads:

"This Councill having now Agreed with Abraham Bickley for his ffire Engine At Sum of £50 . . . It is Order'd that the Treasurer pay ye S^d Sum out of ye Money Rai or to be Raised for Chimney ffiring, with all Expedition possible."

The fire engine was not delivered until the following year. Whether the de was due to its non-arrival from England, or whether Bickley's alderma knowledge of the City Treasurer's exact ability to pay cash prompted cauti is not recorded.

Abraham Bickley was twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Gardin from Warminster, in Wiltshire; his second was Elizabeth Richardson, w

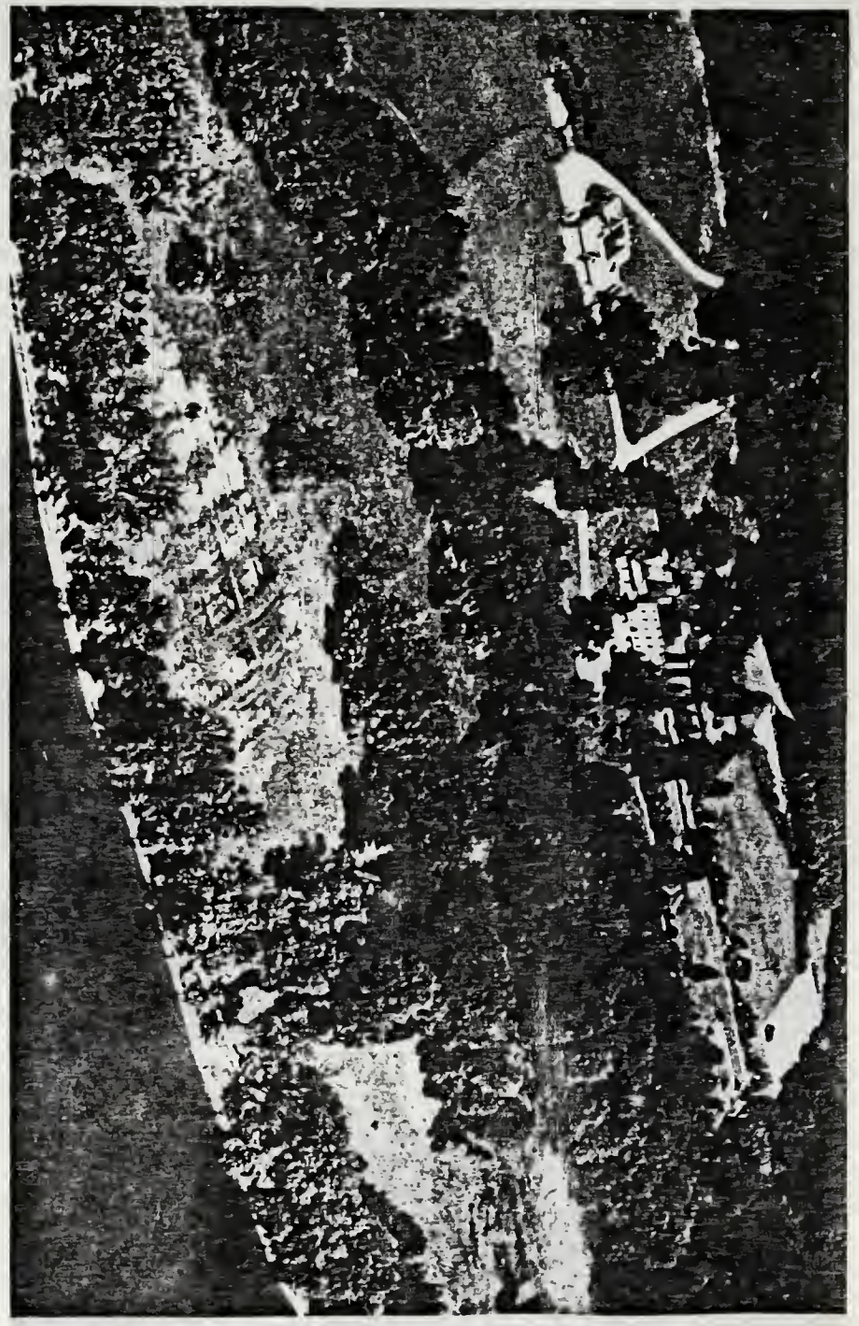
had been born at Port Royal in Jamaica. Of his several children, Samuel was born in 1703 and Abraham II in 1707.

Abraham II had little, if any, connection with Pen Rhyn, for he died of yellow fever in 1743. Samuel, who had married Mary Clayton, of West Jersey, and for a time lived in Burlington, seems to have been the builder of the oldest part of Pen Rhyn for a countryseat in 1744. In 1793, Abraham Bickley III, the son of Samuel, enlarged the house by adding what is now the front portion, the depth of a room, so that the old front doorway is now well back in the hall. Later, he added back buildings. The house, as Mr. Bickley left it, was similar in general plan and character to the majority of country houses of that period in the neighbourhood; it was staunchly built, spacious, and possessed quiet dignity. So it remained for a long time. About forty years ago, however, it was much altered and its eighteenth-century character obliterated. Then, in recent times, the present owners, while making further additions, also carried out praiseworthy restorations. With the removal of anomalous features and details, Pen Rhyn once more presents a consistent aspect; it is obviously a house that has experienced successive episodes of growth, but the result is both interesting and harmonious. Within doors, it is easy to discern the older parts of the structure; fortunately, the original interior woodwork has been little disturbed and shows excellent detail.

The surrounding park is much as it always has been and would make a worthy setting for any house. A wide vista cut through the trees affords a fine view of the river from the south windows; through this opening runs a wide, grass-paved causeway some few feet above the level of the surrounding park land. To the north, a strip of dense woodland gives protection in winter and privacy from the world outside. To the northeast, just beyond the library wing, is a walled garden and, beyond that again, is the flower garden surrounding a broad expanse of lawn. It is reached from outside by a walk through dogwood trees planted along the garden wall. All the garden arrangements, as well as the more recent additions to the house and the conscientious restorations, are to be credited to the present owners. Not far from the house is the old family burial place.

Like many another house of its years, Pen Rhyn is said to have a ghost. A certain Robert Bickley contracted an unfortunate marriage and quarrelled with his father, so the story goes. One Christmas night the old gentleman ordered him out of the house and forbade him ever to darken its doors again. Robert "cursed his name and his father" and then went out and threw himself in the Delaware.

"Now, every Christmas eve . . . he rises from the river, gaunt and slimy, and steals up the path to the house. Sometimes a belated wanderer sees him standing in the moonlight before the great hall door of Pen Rhyn, moaning over his unhappy fate. Again, he [illegible] with [illegible] each chamber door for admittance. Prompt[illegible] on the stroke of twelve weird, unearthly cries fill the house."



Pen Rhyn—*Bensalem Township, Bucks County.*
Air View from Southwest. 1741-1793.

Pen Rhyn. *Bensalem Township, Bucks County.*
South Front. 1744-1793.

Pen Rhyn. *Bensalem Township, Bucks County.*
North Front. 1744-1793.

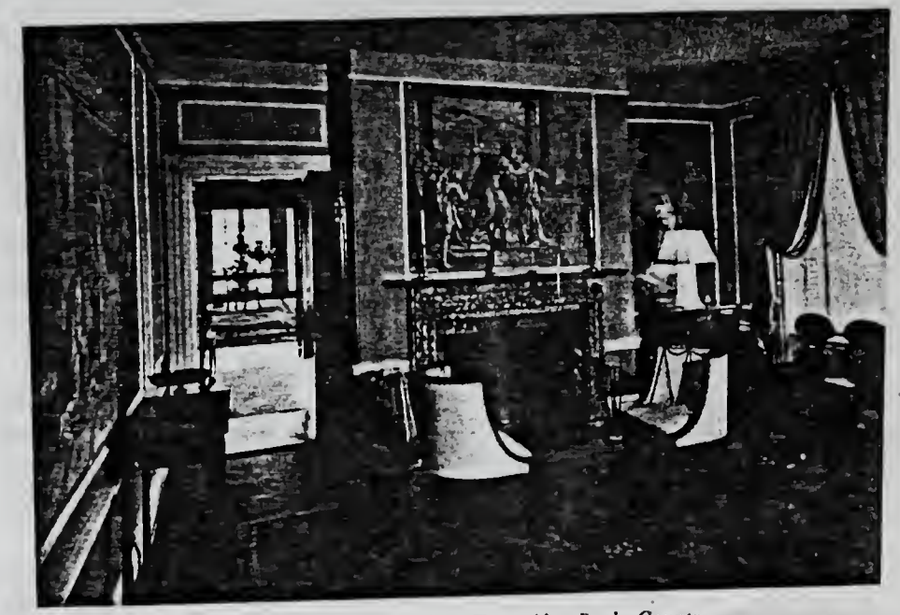
Pen Rhyn. *Bensalem Township, Bucks County.*
South Front. 1744-1793.

In September, 1758, at Christ Church, Abraham Bickley III married Mary Shewell, whose family had come from Gloucestershire. Walter Shewell, the head of the family, was a merchant in Philadelphia for some time after he came from England and amassed a substantial fortune. The Shewells had a country house near Doylestown, which they called Painswick Hall after their old home in Gloucestershire. Walter Shewell's sons, who were merchants in Philadelphia, opposed serious objections to their sister Betsy marrying Benjamin West (v. p. 125), to whom she had become affianced. Like many others at the time, they apparently considered artists much the same as house and sign-painters.

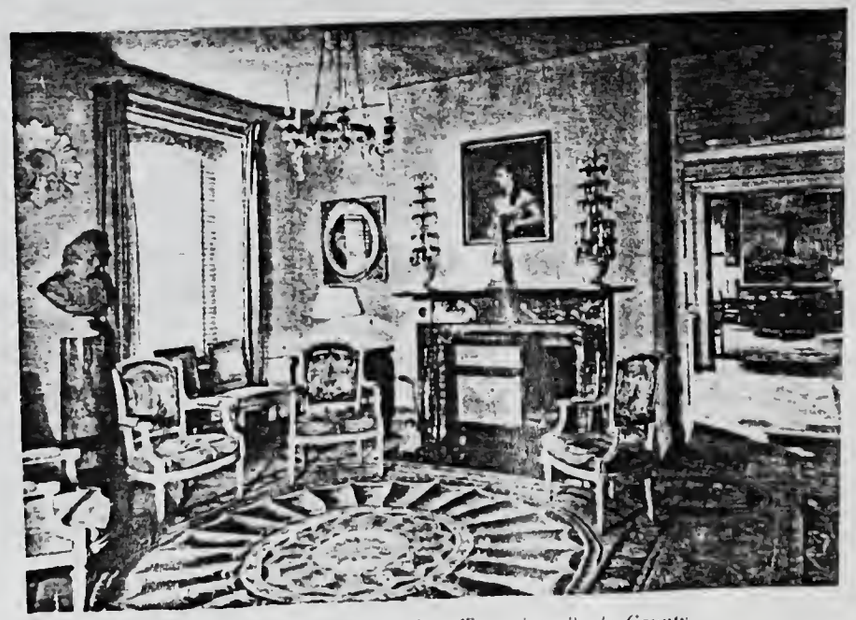
The usually accepted version of the story, based upon the recollections of Bishop White as a very old man, is that West had said he would send for Betsy to come to him in England so soon as he was in a position to support her becomingly. When the time came, and West's father was intending to sail for England to visit his son, West sent for her to come in his father's charge. Betsy's brother Stephen who, of all her family, was the most violently averse to his sister wedding a "pauper" and an "object of charity," as he called West, locked Betsy up in her room to balk the match.

Some say that he held her prisoner in his own town house and that she escaped from there; others maintain—and this seems the more probable—that after first confining her in the city, he sent her to Pen Rhyn to be guarded under lock and key by his sister Mary, Mrs. Abraham Bickley, and that Betsy escaped thence. The window at Pen Rhyn from which Betsy made her flight is still pointed out, and Pen Rhyn's association with the elopement is far more likely than the doubtful connection with a city house that has long since vanished.

The captain of the ship, to whose charge West had committed his fiancée and father, was ready to sail. At the instance of Betsy's friends, he dropped down the river to Chester to allay the Shewell's suspicions. "Billy" White, the future Bishop of Pennsylvania—then aged eighteen; Benjamin Franklin, aged fifty-six; and Francis Hopkinson then contrived to rescue Betsy by night and got her safely aboard the ship at Chester. Ladders, signal lights, row-boats, and a coach jolting over rough roads all figure in the story of the deliverance. When her family discovered she was gone, Betsy was well on her way down the Delaware and off to wed the man of her choice. Betsy Shewell and Benjamin West were married in London, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, September 2, 1764. Their subsequent successful and happy career is well known. Bishop White, as an old man, when asked about his share in Betsy Shewell's escape, replied, "Ben deserved a good wife, and old as I am I'd do it again to serve such worthy people." Betsy's family seem ultimately to have forgiven her for her nephew, Thomas Shewell, a Philadelphia merchant, years afterwards used to stay with the Wests when he was in England.



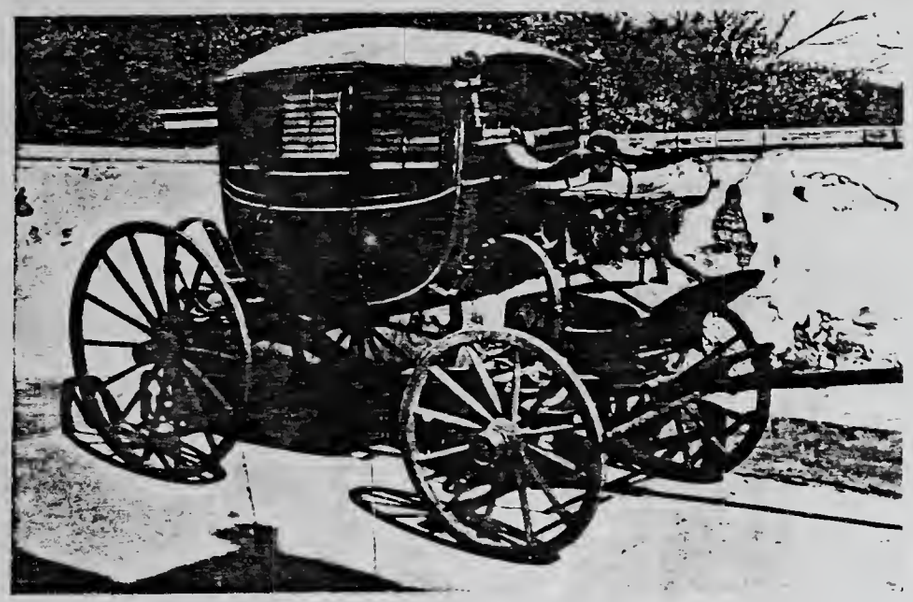
PEN RHYN—*Bensalem Township, Bucks County.*
Psyche Room. 1744 - 1793.



PEN RHYN—*Bensalem Township, Bucks County.*
Old Parlour. 1744 - 1793.

Isaac Hunt, son of the Reverend Isaac Hunt, Rector of St. Michael's, Bridgetown, Barbadoes, sent to Philadelphia to be educated, married Mary Shewell, the daughter of Stephen Shewell and niece of Mrs. West. He was the father of Leigh Hunt.

In the coach-house at Pen Rhyn, standing cheek by jowl with the most modern motor cars, is still preserved the old coach imported from England by Abraham Bickley III, soon after his marriage. It is a ponderous, magnifical affair hung on C springs and straps and must have swayed like a ship in a



PEN RHYN—*Bensalem Township, Bucks County.*
Bickley Coach. 1711-1793.

storm. It is painted what was originally a dark olive green and on the doors are blasoned the family arms. The body is so high above the ground that flights of steps, to let down when the doors are opened, are necessary to get in and out. It must have presented a striking appearance when all its inside upholstery and the dark green hammercloth were new, as it went lumbering along at the rate of six miles an hour, drawn by four sturdy bays, the coachman on the box, and two liveried footmen standing on the post-board behind. In those days the sixteen-mile drive to the city was not without its perils from highwaymen after dark.

All the six children of Abraham Bickley III, including Abraham Bickley IV, died unmarried. Having no direct heirs, Abraham IV wished to leave his estate to his friend and distant kinsman, Lloyd Wharton. He was anxious, how-

ever, to perpetuate the Bickley name and wished Mr. Bickley to hyphe Bickley to his own surname. After some demur, Mr. Wharton eventually sented and the estate was left to him. From Lloyd Wharton-Bickley it scended to his son, Robert Wharton-Bickley. Thence it has passed by des and marriage, through the Drexels, to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. S Henry.

Autumn Leaves from Family Trees: Theophilus F. Rodenbough
Through the Gates of Old Romance: C. J. Mills
Family Documents: Contributed by Mrs. Seton Henry and Lloyd Wharton-Bickley, Esq.

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part proprietor of the *Philadelphia Age*, a Democratic newspaper, which position he occupied at the time of his death.

Craig Biddle also graduated at Princeton and subsequently entered on the practice of the law. He served as a member of the Legislature for two terms, was on the Staff of General Patterson during his three months service and then became a member of the Staff of Governor Curtin, having charge of the raising of the troops under the requisition of the United States. He was elected to the Bench of the Court of Common Pleas, of Philadelphia, in 1875, after having served one year by appointment of Governor Hartranft, and now occupies that position. He was made an LL. D., of Princeton College, in 1892.

Meta Craig, to whom the ode to Bogle was addressed, married Lieutenant James S. Biddle, of the United States Navy. After a service of twenty-three years he retired and has occupied himself mainly in works of religion and charity. In 1871, he was the Democratic candidate for Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, which he has served with great acceptance as a layman in the many representative bodies to which he has been chosen.

Adele and Jane Biddle are still living, and unmarried.

Penn Rhyn, The Old Bickley Place. (By R. Wharton Bickley.)—A look back through a long vista of years will show the year 1744 to the mind's eye, when Abraham Bickley, the elder, sought the shores of what was then one of the colonies of his native country, and purchased a tract of land on the banks of the river Delaware, known as "Belle Voir," which in due time was changed to Penn Rhyn, which is stilled retained. He was of Welsh descent, but came to this country directly from Sussex County, England, (hence the inscription on the vault). After marrying a Miss Shewel or Sewell of Philadelphia, he remodeled the old house in 1793, by adding the front portion, and later, the back buildings. It now stands as originally built by him. He left to succeed him six children, Robert S., Abraham, Jr., and Isaac, Elizabeth, Hannah and Lydia, all of whom died unmarried. The vault was built by him upon the death of his wife, where the remains of all now lie, except Abraham, Jr., who is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Penn Rhyn has remained in the family ever since, having come to my father, Lloyd Wharton Bickley, by will as well as deed (he being the nearest relative living), and is now owned by Mrs. Jos. W. Drexel, nee Wharton, a first cousin of mine.

The old coach was imported from England soon after the marriage of Abraham Bickley, the elder, and is still in the family, having come, as did all

the personal property to Robert Wharton Bickley, the second son of Lloyd Wharton Bickley, to whom the whole estate was bequeathed.

I have the most lively recollections of the old people, as we used to always style them, (meaning the three brothers and three sisters), especially of Elizabeth, or Cousin Peggy, as we called her. Her anecdotes were interesting, one in particular, about Sir Benjamin West, how she as a young lady, had assisted him to elope with her aunt, a sister of her mother, and only succeeding after several attempts, and many trials, in which second-story window, and a certain cedar tree, which grew close to said window, and a knotted rope figured very conspicuously. And the tales of their rides and drives about the country, which were events in those days. The old coach was duly decorated with its dark green Hammer cloth, and to it were harnessed four sturdy, plodding bay horses, and with coachman and groom on the box and two footmen on the post board behind, and after climbing up the folding steps, the arduous journey was begun to the city of Philadelphia for a shopping tour, and it may well be called an arduous journey, for the lumbering old vehicle was drawn at the immense speed of four (4) miles an hour, and having sixteen miles to go to the heart of the city, at Front and Market, or High Street, as it was called in those days. The start must have been an early one, and the drive tedious, the hours for shopping and refreshment short, as well as a necessarily late arrival home which the old lady (94 years of age) said was perilous and dangerous, as the roads were rough and there was great danger of being stopped by highwaymen. The births and deaths, as well as many other particulars which I would like to give, I cannot, owing to the fact that I have mislaid the old family Bible.

Elizabeth survived them all, and was finally removed to my father's house at Tacony, at the age of ninety, where she resided for four years, and departed this life at the age of ninety-four. Her sight and hearing was not in the least impaired. She was interred in the vault at Penn Rhyn.

The writer who kindly furnished this sketch lived during his father's life at the old Bickley place at Tacony, and afterwards at Penn Rhyn. His present residence is Ephrata, Pennsylvania. He adds that Elizabeth Bickley at ninety-four years of age "could see to thread the finest cambric needle, (as I have seen her do). Tradition says second sight, however that may be I cannot say." I will add to this interesting story that I have seen the old Bickley Coach which was like that of General Washington. The account of the long and weary journey to Philadelphia, and the thought of highwaymen reads like a romance to-day, and perhaps a trolley car on the same route will introduce a new and more rapid era. Those were days of early breakfasts and late teas

when journeys were on hand. The picnic festivities and the Gun Club make a contrast to old times in this dignified and ancient country-seat.

The *Philadelphia Times*, (July 28th, 1891), contained the following notice of this place, which has an old family burial vault upon it. This old vault is located upon the picnic grounds of Chestnut Grove, the property being leased by Mr. Snyder from the Drexels of New York, who purchased the place from Dr. Bickley sometime ago. The Bickleys were rich people and they built a fine manor house with extensive out-buildings. They reclaimed the wilderness surrounding their house and turned the grounds into a beautiful garden. The coat-of-arms of the family is upon the door of the old coach. On a marble slab, on the front of the vault, was inscribed the following:

> The vault of the Bickley family,
>
> originally from Sussex, England.

Philadelphia Gun Club, Andalusia. (Communicated).—The Philadelphia Gun Club, situated on the banks of the Delaware at Andalusia, Pa., was organized in the year 1877, being the outgrowth of the Holiday Shooting Club, composed among others of the following gentlemen: Mr. Rudolph Ellis, Mr. Howell W. Bickley, Mr George W. Potts, Mr. Lloyd Wharton Bickley, Mr. John Tucker, Jr., Mr. Edward J. Etting, Mr. James P. Scott, Mr. E. Burd Grubb, Mr. M. Edward Rogers, Mr. A. J. Cassatt.

The Club lies in a region full of historic interest; scarcely two miles distant on the Bristol Turnpike is the Red Lion Inn, a well-known hostelry when George III was King. There the delegates from Massachusetts to the First Continental Congress dined on August 29th, 1774, and in 1781 part of the Continental Army marching to Yorktown, camped near the Inn, and the officers were entertained at its hospitable board. The Club house formerly the mansion of the Bickley family, was built in 1809, and is visible through a long vista of foliage formed by old forest trees, many of which are more than one hundred years old. The interior and furniture is in keeping with the place; heavy sideboards, beds and bureaus of solid mahogany, old fashioned half a century ago, and good for another fifty years. In the hall stand weapons of the olden time, flint stock and arquebuse, while around the walls hang arms from India and the ruder weapons of Thibet. The long dining-room, the walls of which are covered with sporting pictures, has a large old-fashioned fire-place, which is filled with blazing logs in Winter and gives an air of comfort to those who

Dorothy Wismer, Barbara Ford, June Pfunke and Charlotte Riempp learn crafts in Pen Ryn School.

Louise Hardiman paints a small ceramic to be used in a niche.

Teacher Edith Schmidt of Jenkintown listens to Irene Harvey of Mayfair read lesson in second grade class.

General view of the Pen Ryn School at Andalusia, Pa.

Parent-Teacher Partnership

● *By Katherine Hopkins*

HIGH on the banks of the Delaware just north of the city limits of Philadelphia, in a countryside rich in the history of early America, stands the Samuel Bickley home, built in 1744, which now houses the Pen Ryn Episcopal School. In an individual and handsome way, the house looks its age and represents in its present symbolism the "hail and farewell" of a new regime.

In the fine hallways and drawing rooms where the measured formality of 18th and 19th Century households once was the order of the day, now is heard the clatter of baseball cleats and of sports shoes and the easy laughter of children happy in their occupations. Where once hooped skirts swept across the broad porches, today dozens of navy and scarlet sweaters, in the colors of the school, top short skirts.

Here in its pre-Revolutionary setting, with a nod of respect to the past and a vigorous plan for the future, is a modern school offering instruction and opportunity to many children. Planned by a board of managers that is made up of local residents, the Pen Ryn School enrollment includes 12 per-cent of its students on a scholarship basis. Directing the school policy are the Rev. Percy J. Brown, who serves as chairman of the board; Wesley Davies, Louis F. Flöge, William Buchanan Gold, Josephine F. Howell, Standish Forde Hansell, Frederick Lennig Jr., E. Paul Patton, Mrs. Walter M. Phillips, E. Sheldon Schneider, Edward T. Taws and C. Burnley White.

The school, located in Andalusia, Bensalem Township, for 21 years had been housed in the combination school and parish house of All Saints Episcopal Church in Torresdale and was known as the All Saints Episcopal School. As requests for enrollment increased came the gift of Charles J. Biddle, who had purchased the buildings together with 12 wooded acres and deeded it to the church.

IN SELECTING a name for the school in keeping with its new home, the board of managers changed the original Pen Rhyn to Pen Ryn and completed it as the Pen Ryn Episcopal School. Samuel Bickley, who built the handsome structure 32 years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, in turn adapted to his own use Penrin, the name of the original home of his family in Cornwall, England. Abraham Bickley, Samuel's father, was the first of his family to settle in Philadelphia. He arrived in 1692 and in 20 years established himself as a prosperous shipping merchant and an active participant in the public life of the city where he served in Common Council and later as an alderman.

The Pen Rhyn of Samuel Bickley's day was not big enough for the needs of his son, Abraham, 3d. He in turn in 1793 added to the structure the present front portion measuring the depth of the front rooms and placing the old front doorway well back in the hall. The interior has survived well its more than 200 years. Many of the fireplaces and the original woodwork are in fine condition and show excellent workmanship and detail. Pen Rhyn was maintained by Abraham Bickley, 3d, in traditional Colonial fashion but all was not entirely staid routine in the household. Still pointed out as an item of romantic interest is the window from which Betsy Shewell descended to make good her escape and her flight to England, where she was to marry Benjamin West, famous artist of the Revolutionary War period.

As a restraining measure, Betsy had been confined to the home of her sister, Mrs. Abraham Bickley, 3d, by her family which considered artists in the same class with house painters and no match for a Shewell. Assisting Betsy in her elopement maneuvers among others was Benjamin Franklin and the then 18-year-old William White, who later was to become Bishop of Pennsylvania. When Bishop White, as an old man, was asked about his share in the elopement he replied, "Ben deserved a good wife and, old as I am, I'd do it again today to help such worthy people as they were."

THE present occupants of Pen Ryn give little time to romantic speculations as they carry on the business of their school routine. Pen Ryn is proud of its long-range program envisioned and made practical by the board of managers. A fine start has been made in making use of the exceptional opportunities for sports and outdoor activities that came with the new property. In its present enlarged facilities some 130 students in classes numbering equal proportions of boys and girls from kindergarten through the eighth grade are taking part in a well-rounded schedule of studies and competitive sports as well as in the many stimulating nature and hobby programs. Although it maintains close association with All Saints Episcopal Church, the school is distinctly non-sectarian and includes as its pupils children of many religious backgrounds.

A large part of the credit for the happy and relaxed attitudes of the children goes to the teaching and administrative talents of Raymond J. Saunders of Bowdoin College, who now is headmaster at Pen Ryn.

Mr. Saunders encourages teachers to progressive thinking on educational problems and urges the trial of new ideas and methods. But these, he emphasizes, must not entirely replace the proven values of many procedures in traditional schooling.

REGULAR studies in all grades are accompanied by a maximum of pupil activity and participation. Studies are carried on out-of-doors, when possible. Most popular during the winter months was the search for new birds that sought the sanctuary of the century-old trees and found sustenance at the feeder stations.

Right now, one of the most exciting outdoor projects is the caring for the twin baby lambs that were given to the school by Edward Taws who besides his position on the board of managers is active in the parent-teacher group. The lambs were christened Pen and Ryn. Along with the care of the lambs the children will have flower and vegetable gardens to look after.

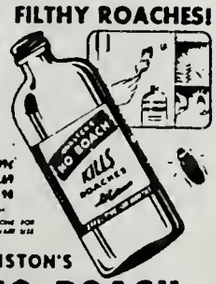
The monthly meetings of the Parent-Teacher Association are conducted in a practical manner. When the new hobby room was planned the fathers organized painting and carpentry groups that provided work benches, tools, handsaws and materials in a room they prepared and painted in bright colors. Adding their [illegible] ents to the project, the moth[illegible] painted pictures and emblem[illegible] local historical significance [illegible] the walls and doors that [illegible] served as well as illustratio[illegible] the children's social study [illegible]

THE children are putting [illegible] room to good use and set forth in the scooped-out shelves that line the one-time wine cellar, are ceramic dogs and other animals eager hands have shaped and glazed and fired in the small electric kiln. Parents have donated many articles on which the boys and girls are now hard at work in preparation for a hobby show in which other schools will be invited to make entries.

The show on June 1 will be part of the school's traditional fete. More than 1000 persons were served a home-cooked dinner at last year's fete and more than that number is expected this year. All arrangements are being made by the parent-teacher group.

Linda Whinney, Kyle Dudley, Cathy Goldsborough tie ribbon around lamb's neck before its christening.

NO MORE FILTHY ROACHES!



JOHNSTON'S NO-ROACH

WANAMAKER'S GIMBELS
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